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For: LARGE PRINTER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Patent No. 1-145961A, published June 7, 1989.
2. Japanese Patent No. 9-263015A, published October 7, 1997.
3. Japanese Patent No. 3-47770A, published February 28, 1991.
- 3A. U.S. Patent No. 5,149,217, published September 22, 1992.
4. Japanese Patent No. 8-235309A, published September 13, 1996.
5. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 56-118056U.

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6. Japanese Patent No. 1-122472A, published May 15, 1989.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated July 15, 2003, wherein the Japanese Examiner asserts that:

(1) Japanese Patent No. 1-145961A discloses a printer comprising feeding roller pairs 11 and 14, a recording section 8 and a sheet discharging pair 10;

(2) Japanese Patent No. 9-263015A discloses a plotter disposed on a stand provided with casters;

(3, 3A and 4) Japanese Patent No. 3-47770, U.S. Patent No. 5,149,217, and Japanese Patent No. 8-235309A disclose a printer in which both of roll of paper and flat sheet of paper (stiff carton) can be fed; and

(5 and 6) Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 56-118056U and Japanese Patent No. 1-122472A disclose a configuration in which roll of paper is supported by spindle receptacles at least one of which is pivotable.

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In addition to the Japanese Office Action, U.S. Patent No. 5,149,247 is a counterpart of Japanese Patent No. 3-47770A.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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